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## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Chairman Ron Jones c/o Sharla Dillon, Dockets Manager Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243-00505

Re: Docket 04-00402 Summary of the Transactions in Chattanooga Gas Company's Deferred Gas Cost Account for the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2004 and the

Computation of the ACA Factor Effective January 1, 2005

Docket 04-00403 Chattanooga Gas Company's Report of Actual Gas Costs and the Applicable Index Cost for Each Month of the Plan Year Ended June 30, 2004

Dear Chairman Jones

In approving Chattanooga Gas Company's ("CGC" or "Company") 2004 Actual Cost Adjustment and Performance Based Ratemaking audits in Docket Nos. 04-00402 and 04-00403, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Authority") directed CGC to submit guidelines for affiliate transactions as part of its Performance-Based Ratemaking Tariff Accordingly, CGC hereby files an original and thirteen (13) copies of the following revision to the Chattanooga Gas Tariff No 1 to add Affiliate Transaction Guidelines. Second Revised Sheet 56 A "Performance-Based Ratemaking (Continued)"

If you have any questions, please call me at 254-9146 or Archie Hickerson at 757-616-

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Sincerely

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Enclosures

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**REVISED SHEET56** 

### PERFORMANCE-BASED RATEMAKING

#### **APPLICABILITY**

This Performance-Based Ratemaking Mechanism (PBRM) is designed to encourage the utility to maximize its gas purchasing activities at minimum cost consistent with efficient operations and service reliability. Each plan year will begin July 1. The annual provision and filings herein will apply to this annual period. The PBRM will continue until it is either (a) terminated at the end of a plan year or by not less than 90 days notice by the Company to the Authority or (b) modified, amended or terminated by the Authority

#### **OVERVIEW OF STRUCTURE**

The Performance-Based Ratemaking Mechanism establishes predefined monthly benchmark indexes to which the Company's commodity cost is compared

#### BENCHMARK INDEX

Each month, Chattanooga Gas Company (Company / Chattanooga) will compare its actual commodity cost of gas to the appropriate benchmark amount. The benchmark gas cost will be computed by multiplying actual purchase quantities for the month, including quantities purchased for injection into storage, by the appropriate benchmark price index

## Spot Market Purchases

The monthly spot market benchmark is the "Index" price published in the first issue of the delivery month of *Inside FERC's Gas Market Report* in the table titled "Price of Spot Gas Delivered to Pipelines," denoted in the column labeled "Index" and the row for the applicable "Pricing Point"

### Swing Purchases

For swing purchases, the benchmark "Index" price for gas delivered on any day upon which Gas Daily is published, is equal to the Gas Daily-Midpoint price for the immediately following day under the heading "Daily Price Survey" For gas delivered on Saturday, Sunday, or any other day upon which Gas Daily is not published, the price index is equal to the Daily-Midpoint for the nearest subsequent day published by Gas Daily

#### Long-term purchases

For long term purchases, 1 e, a term more than one month, the "Index" price published in the first issue of the delivery month of *Inside FERC's Gas Market Report* in the table titled "Price of Spot Gas Delivered to Pipelines" denoted in the column labeled "Index" and the row for the applicable "Pricing Point" will be adjusted for the Company's rolling three-year average premium paid to ensure long-term supply availability during peak periods

## City Gate Purchases

For city gate purchases where gas is delivered by the supplier to the local distribution company, the indexes will be adjusted for the avoided transportation costs that would have been paid if the upstream capacity were purchased versus the demand charges actually paid to the supplier.

## PERFORMANCE-BASED RATEMAKING (Continued)

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2004

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# PRUDENCE DETERMINATION

If Chattanooga's total commodity gas cost for the plan year does not exceed the total benchmark amount by one percentage point (1%) for a plan year ending after June 30, 2000, Chattanooga's gas cost will be deemed prudent and the audit required by Tennessee Regulatory Authority's Administrative Rule 1220-4-7- 05 is waived. If during any month of the plan year, the Company's commodity gas cost exceeds the benchmark amount by greater than two percentage points (2%), the Company shall file a report with the Authority fully explaining why the cost exceeded the benchmark

## FILING WITH THE AUTHORITY

The Company will file an annual report not later than 60 days following the end of each plan year identifying the actual cost of gas purchased and the applicable index for each month of the plan year

Unless the Authority provides written notification to the Company within 180 days of such reports, the annual filing shall be deemed in compliance with the provisions of this Service Schedule

#### PERIODIC INDEX REVISIONS

Because of changes in the natural gas marketplace, the price indices used by Chattanooga and the composition of Chattanooga's purchased gas portfolio may change. The Company shall, within 30 days of identifying a change to a significant component of the mechanism, provide notice of such change to the Authority. Unless the Authority provides written notice to Chattanooga within 30 days of the Company's notice to the Authority, the price indices shall be deemed approved as proposed by the Company

## AFFILIATE TRANSACTION GUIDELINES

Terms used in these affiliate transaction guidelines have the following meanings

- Affiliate, when used in reference to any person in this standard, means another entity who controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, the first entity.
- Control (including the terms "controlling", "controlled by", and "under common control with") as used in the affiliate transaction guidelines, includes, but is not limited to, the possession, directly or indirectly and whether acting alone or in conjunction with others, of the authority to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of an entity | Under all circumstances, beneficial ownership of more than ten percent (10%) of voting securities or partnership interest of an entity shall be deemed to confer control for purposes of these affiliate transaction guidelines
- Gas supplier is any person who sells or otherwise provides gas to the Company. It does not include customers who transport their gas and as a result of an imbalance in the amount consumed and the amount delivered to the city gate sell gas to the Company in compliance with the Company's approved tariff provisions

Standards of Conduct

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The Company must conduct its business to conform to the following standards

- All purchases from an affiliated gas supplier of gas for system supply or storage shall be at the price and in accordance with the terms provided in a fully executed contract between the Company and the affiliated gas supplier.
- The Company and the affiliated gas supplier shall maintain records to show that such purchases are not at a price greater than the market price at the time of the transaction
- All sales of gas by the Company to an affiliated gas supplier shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Company's approved tariff or at the price and in accordance with the terms provided in a fully executed contract between the Company and the affiliated gas supplier. Any sale of gas to an affiliate not in accordance with an approved tariff provision shall be at a price that is not less than the market price at the time of the transaction.
- 4. The Company shall maintain records to show that sales to an affiliated supplier are in accordance with the applicable tariff provision or, if not provided under an approved tariff provision, the price is not less than the market price at the time of the transaction.
- An affiliated gas supplier shall not make sales to any customer's premise that is connected to the Company's distribution facilities without the prior approval of the Company
- The Company shall not disclose to any affiliated gas supplier any information that the Company receives from a non-affiliated gas supplier that the non-affiliated gas supplier has identified as confidential unless the prior consent of the parties to which the information relates has been voluntarily given.
- 7 To the maximum extent practicable, the Company's operating employees and the operating employees of an affiliated gas supplier must function independently of each other
- 8. The Company must maintain its books of accounts and records separately from those of an affiliated gas supplier.
- 9. The Company shall maintain sufficiently detailed records of all transactions with any affiliated gas supplier.

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